

SENATE BILL 647

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By: **Senators Ramirez, Colburn, Forehand, Jacobs, Raskin, Shank, Stone, and Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestically Related Crimes – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court, on request of the State’s Attorney, to
4 determine whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a
5 probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime;
6 establishing that the State has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the
7 evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime; requiring a finding by
8 the court that a crime is a domestically related crime to become part of the court
9 record for certain purposes; expanding the list of events that are required to be
10 reported to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to
11 include a finding by a court that a defendant has been convicted of or received a
12 probation before judgment disposition for a domestically related crime; defining
13 a certain term; and generally relating to the reporting of domestically related
14 crimes.

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Criminal Procedure
17 Section 6–233
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Criminal Procedure
22 Section 10–215
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
26 Article – Family Law
27 Section 4–501(a) and (m)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

6 **6–233.**

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME” MEANS A
8 CRIME COMMITTED BY A DEFENDANT AGAINST A VICTIM WHO IS A PERSON
9 ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF, AS DEFINED IN § 4–501 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE,
10 OR WHO HAD A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEFENDANT WITHIN 12
11 MONTHS BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF THE CRIME.

12 (B) (1) IF A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF OR RECEIVES A
13 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION FOR A CRIME, ON REQUEST OF
14 THE STATE’S ATTORNEY, THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE CRIME
15 IS A DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME.

16 (2) THE STATE HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING BY A
17 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE CRIME IS A DOMESTICALLY
18 RELATED CRIME.

19 (C) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE CRIME IS A DOMESTICALLY
20 RELATED CRIME UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THAT FINDING
21 SHALL BECOME PART OF THE COURT RECORD FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING
22 TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY
23 UNDER § 10–215 OF THIS ARTICLE.

24 10–215.

25 (a) The following events are reportable events under this subtitle that must
26 be reported to the Central Repository in accordance with § 10–214 of this subtitle:

- 27 (1) the issuance or withdrawal of an arrest warrant;
- 28 (2) an arrest;
- 29 (3) the filing of a charging document;
- 30 (4) a release pending trial or an appeal;
- 31 (5) a commitment to an institution of pretrial detention;

- 1 (6) the dismissal of an indictment or criminal information;
- 2 (7) a nolle prosequi;
- 3 (8) the marking of a charge “stet” on the docket;
- 4 (9) an acquittal, conviction, verdict of not criminally responsible, or
5 any other disposition of a case at or following trial, including a finding of probation
6 before judgment;
- 7 (10) the imposition of a sentence;
- 8 (11) a commitment to a State correctional facility or local correctional
9 facility;
- 10 (12) a commitment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
11 under § 3–105 or § 3–111 of this article as incompetent to stand trial or not criminally
12 responsible;
- 13 (13) a release from detention or confinement;
- 14 (14) a conditional release, revocation of conditional release, or discharge
15 of a person committed to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under §
16 3–105 or § 3–111 of this article as incompetent to stand trial or not criminally
17 responsible;
- 18 (15) an escape from confinement or commitment;
- 19 (16) a pardon, reprieve, commutation of a sentence, or other change in a
20 sentence, including a change in a sentence that a court orders;
- 21 (17) an entry of an appeal to an appellate court;
- 22 (18) a judgment of an appellate court;
- 23 (19) an order of a court in a collateral proceeding that affects a person’s
24 conviction, sentence, or confinement;
- 25 (20) an adjudication of a child as delinquent:
- 26 (i) if the child is at least 14 years old, for an act described in §
27 3–8A–03(d)(1) of the Courts Article; or
- 28 (ii) if the child is at least 16 years old, for an act described in §
29 3–8A–03(d)(4) or (5) of the Courts Article;

1 (21) the issuance or withdrawal of a writ of attachment by a juvenile
2 court;

3 (22) the initial registration of a person under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of this
4 article;

5 (23) the imposition of lifetime sexual offender supervision under Title
6 11, Subtitle 7 of this article; [and]

7 **(24) A FINDING THAT A DEFENDANT HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR**
8 **RECEIVED A PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT DISPOSITION FOR A**
9 **DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME UNDER § 6-233 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

10 ~~[(24)]~~ **(25)** any other event arising out of or occurring during the course
11 of a criminal proceeding that the Secretary by regulation or the Court of Appeals by
12 rule makes a reportable event.

13 (b) To avoid duplication in the reporting of criminal history record
14 information, the Secretary by regulation and the Court of Appeals by rule may
15 determine those reportable events described under subsection (a) of this section to be
16 reported by each criminal justice unit to the Central Repository.

17 **Article – Family Law**

18 4-501.

19 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (m) “Person eligible for relief” includes:

21 (1) the current or former spouse of the respondent;

22 (2) a cohabitant of the respondent;

23 (3) a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;

24 (4) a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the
25 person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible
26 for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;

27 (5) a vulnerable adult; or

28 (6) an individual who has a child in common with the respondent.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2012.

